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## Preface

The Combinatorics 2010 conference took place in Verbania, a small town on the shores of Lake Maggiore, in the north of Italy, from June 27th to July 3rd 2010. The event was part of a series of “Combinatorics” conferences, organized in Italy every two years since 1982.

It was dedicated to the memory of Adriano Barlotti to honor his great contribution to the growth of the combinatorial theories.

The conference concerned mainly the combinatorics of finite geometric and algebraic structures, such as finite geometries, graphs, designs, matroids and partially ordered sets, and its connection with other disciplines such as coding theory, cryptology, computer science and optimization.

There were 18 plenary lectures, delivered by A. Blokhuis, A. Brini, R. Brualdi, D. Bryant, C. Colbourn, B. De Bruyn, B. Jackson, D. Jungnickel, G. Lunardon, T. Maruta, K. Metsch, R. Sprugnoli, K. Strambach, T. Szönyi, J. Thas, K. Thas, C. Thomassen and Z. Tuza as well as 115 contributed talks. Overall, there were more than 200 participants from more than 30 different countries.

Social events included a concert on Tuesday evening and an excursion on Lake Maggiore on Wednesday afternoon, at the end of which the conference dinner took place on the “Isola Bella”, one of the Borromeo islands.

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